

Progressive Caucus Backs Housing

Your May Comment ("The Housing Crunch") was well done. It helped show the housing deficit as the perpetual and growing problem it is.

That is why the Congressional Progressive Caucus (CPC) offered an alternative budget proposal this year that would have substantially increased the federal commitment to affordable housing.

For example, the CPC proposed more than doubling funding for Section 8 vouchers. The CPC proposed nearly \$4 billion for public housing capital improvements. This was \$1 billion more than the Administration. (The current modernization backlog in public housing is \$20 billion and growing approximately \$2 billion per year.)

The CPC budget also included funding for preserving affordable housing and \$2 billion for a new program to create more permanently affordable housing.

The Progressive Caucus will continue to promote policies that benefit the vast majority of Americans rather than merely the status quo, which has a funny way of heaping largesse on those who need it least.

I invite your readers to visit the CPC web site to learn more about our activities. The address is: www.house.gov/defazio/progressive-caucus.

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